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AMENDMENT

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Letter of 14 December 2006 amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: none.

Remarks/Arguments: begin on page 5 of this paper.